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## Marginal Column

By GEORGE LEONOF

DIPLOMACY has ever been the antithesis of that classroom axiom about the straight line as the shortest distance between two points. The current schizoid behavior among diplomats has even further complicated the labyrinthine ways of statecraft, which seems to have become the province of split personalities communicating in a strange form of double-talk. Thus the French Prime Minister, just back from the United States where he affirmed the French Government's resolve not to negotiate with the Russians before ratification of the Paris Agreements, has apparently launched his efforts for "parallel" talks with the Soviet Union — marking M. Mendes-France's return to an even earlier commitment. In Britain the Labour Party executive, which after a considerable effort managed to avert the party's split on the Rosenberg case, then abstained from voting on the issue in parliament, has now been put on record by Mr. Clement Attlee as favoring immediate talks between the heads of state. And in America, Secretary of State Dulles declared himself against such "war measures" as a blockade of China in retaliation for the imprisonment of American airmen; for the benefit those who were not quite certain of what he meant the following day he explained that resort to a blockade was not out of the question if other means fail to obtain the airmen's release.

IT all seems to be a very confusing but inevitable aspect of what is known as the democratic process deserving of more sympathy than the strong-minded advocates of "firm" policy are prepared to give it. M. Mendes-France in point of fact, fought as hard as anyone home front to get the Paris Agreements accepted as he did earlier in London to make them acceptable. But if the French National Assembly is to consent that West Germany may now go forward to receive full sovereignty, the Prime Minister must have the support of the Socialists. And the Socialists had made this support contingent on a somewhat cloudy condition that the Government seek "parallel" talks with the Soviet Union. The subsequent intervention of General de Gaulle with his demand for "precise" negotiations to the French Premier to do what he has not been completely inclined to do from the start.

THE British Labour Party's dilemma is perhaps more national than international inasmuch as its approval was not essential to the Government. Nevertheless, it put British Socialists in the uncomfortable position of having abstained from voting on an issue which they had all along encouraged their French colleagues to support. What sort of impact Mr. Attlee's call this week for immediate talks with the USSR will have on the French Socialists is still too early to say. But with the uncomfortable if uncertain imminence of general elections, the Labour leaders apparently found it easier to approve German rearmament at a meeting of the National Executive than Labour M.P.s, once they voted for it in Parliament, would find it to face their constituents.

ACROSS the Atlantic the American Government, in which President Eisenhower is re-elected to the helm of foreign policy, is viewing the European scene with a deep but cautious understanding. The caution is in itself understandable for the boldness of Senator McCarthy's attack on the President seems to be some measure of the opposition to his conduct of foreign affairs which has developed within the Republican Party. Talk of a split in the party has circulated since the Republican Senate leader, Mr. William Knowland, cast his vote with the Senators opposing the condemnation of Mr. McCarthy, and with a new Congress coming in next month, it is unlikely that the Administration will choose to force the issue. Jerusalem, December 8.

**HERZOG IN MONTREAL**  
 MONTREAL, Wednesday (INA). — Israel's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Isaac HaLevi Herzog, arrived here today by plane from Britain.

## Knesset Body Defers Ruling On Rosenberg

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

For the second week in succession, the Knesset Committee yesterday closed its session without arriving at a decision with regard to the immunity of Knesset Member Mr. S. Rosenberg (Mirabai), charged by the Attorney General with currency offenses.

Much of yesterday's session of the Committee was occupied with a discussion of a report of the previous day's session broadcast by Kol Tishrei, and which was considered misleading by members of the Committee. Later, a statement was published on behalf of the Committee that no further official information on the Rosenberg discussion would be communicated until the case was completed and a formal decision taken. It had been intended to continue the meeting yesterday afternoon, but Mr. Rosenberg was unable to attend. The Committee is due to meet again next Tuesday.

## Debate Motion on Move Of Beduin Denied

A motion for a debate in the Knesset on the proposed transfer of the Arab Beduin from their present location near Be'er Sheva to the Negev, presented by Mr. Ruzum-Basoul (Mapam) was defeated in the Knesset yesterday morning.

Mr. Nafzati said it was not correct to say that the 2,800 Beduin involved had been in their present location for more than five or six years, and all were still classified as nomads.

## The Jerusalem Post

Israel's resort to the peaceful use of radio-active materials and her suggestions for constructive projects, presented by Mr. Abba Eban in the UN General Assembly last month, are set out on page five of the Jerusalem Post.

Our copy today.

## Last Chance Given Cairo To Release Bat Galim

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — The U.N. Security Council last night in effect gave Egypt one more opportunity to release the Bat Galim, which had already been ordered released by the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission.

## Allen and Sharett Talk in Capital

The U.S. Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Mr. George Allen yesterday met with the Premier and Foreign Minister Mr. Moshe Sharett in Jerusalem. The meeting was also attended by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward Lawson, and Mr. Jacob Herzog, head of the American Division at the Foreign Ministry, Israel-Arab and Israel-American relations were discussed in a cordial atmosphere.

The meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr. Allen lasted an hour and a half. Later Mr. and Mrs. Sharett were hosts at lunch to Mr. Allen. Others present were Mr. David Horowitz, Mr. W. Byran, Mr. T. Kollek, Mr. G. Rafael and Mr. Herzog.

In the afternoon Mr. Allen accompanied by Mr. Edward Lawson, the U.S. Ambassador, and Mr. I. B. White, Counselor of the U.S. Embassy, met with Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry; Mr. A. Lourie, Assistant Director General; Mr. G. Rafael, Counselor for Middle East Affairs; and Mr. J. Herzog, Director of the U.S. Department of the Ministry.

The meeting took place at the home of Mr. Herzog and lasted an hour and a half. Mr. Allen then returned to Tel Aviv for further consultations with officers of the American Embassy. In the evening Ambassador Lawson held a small reception for Mr. Allen to introduce him to the officers of the American Mission in Israel and their wives.

This morning Mr. Allen is to tour Galilee accompanied by Mr. Herzog and Mr. Ted Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office. He is to leave Israel tomorrow through Mandelbaum Gate.

## ISRAEL REACHES OIL ACCORD IN LONDON

LONDON, Wednesday (INA). — Negotiations between the Israel Government, the Shell Company of Palestine and the Consolidated Refineries Ltd. were concluded with a satisfactory arrangement reached for oil supplies to Israel in 1955, the Israel Embassy announced today.

Both the Embassy and the oil companies were reticent in giving details of the agreement, but it is understood Israel considered the outcome satisfactory in view of the prevailing conditions under which she has to pay for the oil. It is believed the question of the Haifa refineries was touched upon although it is understood this was at no time a major point of discussion.

## 4 Gaza Pupils, Sent as Spies, Go to Jail

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Four teenagers from Gaza, who were sentenced to five years in prison each by a military court in Rehovot on Monday. They admitted having been sent to spy in Israel by the Egyptian intelligence office in Gaza.

When the boys were apprehended south of Ashkelon on February 2, they claimed they were secondary school pupils who had strayed from their home while immersed in studying. They had four books with them — two English and two Arabic. The Arabic were texts on Arabic philosophy and ancient Egypt. Their study took them on a 10-kilometer walk from town to an unpatrolled area near Israeli investigators, who soon learned the truth.

When Mohammed Id al-Huda, 16, Salameh Said Ahmed al-Awadi, 17, Mustafa Abud Hamad Farahat, 17, and Subhi Mahmut Mohammed Rajai, 16, were indeed pupils at the Gaza secondary school, but their trip to Israel was made by order of Said al-Sakka, the Egyptian intelligence officer in Gaza.

El-Sakka was mentioned in the story made public earlier this week of the infiltrator who

## Polish Jews to Take Part in Paris Talks

VIENNA, Wednesday (Ruter). — Warsaw Radio announced today that a party of Polish Jews would leave for Paris to attend the conference of the Central Committee of European Jews on December 11 and 12.

This conference was called to protest against and try to hinder the rearmament of Germany. Vienna Jewish circles said that as until now non-Communist Jews had not been allowed to leave Poland, it was expected that the party going to Paris would consist entirely of reliable Communist Jews.

## Large-Scale Plans To Improve Canal

By GEORGE LEONOF

LONDON, Wednesday. — Improvements to the Suez Canal, costing \$75m. and taking three years to complete, were approved yesterday at a meeting in Paris of the Canal Company's Board. Work is to begin early next year.

The changes are described as essential to cope with the continually mounting traffic. They include the cutting of two by-passes to the east of the Canal, the widening of the Canal south of the small Bitter Lake and widening and deepening of 18 kms at half distance in the region of el Firdan. The narrowest parts of the present waterway will thus be considerably improved. No mention is made of improvements in subsequent instalments.

The present programme, the eighth since the Canal was opened to traffic 85 years ago, is the largest yet undertaken and will particularly provide better facilities for the passage of large vessels.

## Gov't Doctors to End 'Strike' Tomorrow

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The doctors' "passive resistance" strike will end at 8 a.m. on Friday, the Central Committee of the Israel Medical Association announced here today. Municipal doctors started their seven-hour day with no overtime on November 15, while hospital physicians followed suit a week later, to press their wage claims.

The Central Committee's emergency meeting was attended by representatives of the Government doctors and those employed by the Municipalities. The end of the strike was described as a "voluntary measure," made in response to a request by the Prime Minister. The fight for higher wages and better working conditions would continue.

Meanwhile, it was agreed between the Medical Association and the Government and the local authorities that salaries for the next year would be equal to one month's salary, which would be repayable in monthly instalments of IL3,750. The loan would be obtained from the bank guaranteed by the authorities who will also pay the interest.

## 3 KILLED IN ACCIDENTS

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Two men on a motorcycle were killed this morning when they collided with a bus on the Haifa road north of Petah Tikva.

The victims were Pinhas Zaidman, 44, of Pardes Hanna and Avram Shapira, 46, of Jaffa. According to the bus driver, Ze'ev Elial, 32, of Hadera, who was detained, the accident occurred when the motorcycle suddenly swerved to the left side of the road and collided with the front right wing of the bus.

Knocked down by an Eked bus, Hattin Ben-David, a 30-year-old man, was killed near Tel Aviv on Wednesday morning. He lived in the Kfar One m'bar.

## Cornerstone Laid for New Church Of Annunciation in Nazareth

NAZARETH, Wednesday. — Catholicism from many lands headed by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Monsignor Alberto Gori, and the Franciscan friars of Nazareth, laid the cornerstone of the Annunciation Conception and the end of the Marian Year, and laid the cornerstone for a new Church of the Annunciation. At 9.30 Monsignor Gori wearing the magnificent vestments of his rank and assisted by the Patriarchal Vicar in Northern Palestine, Monsignor Antonio Vergani, conducted a Pontifical High Mass in the Church overflowing with clergy, worshippers and official guests. Among the clerical guests were the Greek Catholic Archbishop of Galilee, Monsignor George Hakim, and the Father Custos of the Holy Land, Father Giacinto Facio.

After the Mass the congregation moved to the courtyard to hear an address in Arabic by the parish priest, Father Angelo Abunassar, while Dr. K. Kolb, head of the Christian Department of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, brought the greetings of the Government. Dr. Kolb said the cornerstone laying was an act of international importance. He reiterated the Government's determination to safeguard the holy places in Israel territory. The Mayor of Nazareth, Mr.

## War Fears Abate, But Confidence Still Lacking—Ike

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — President Eisenhower, at his news conference today, said fear of war among free world nations has lessened in recent years, but international confidence which is the basis of real peace has yet to be achieved.

The President refused to comment on Senator Joseph McCarthy's criticism of him yesterday because, he said, he did not indulge in personal vilification or quarrels.

Asked if Mr. McCarthy's personal attack on him would split the Republican Party, the President said the question should be put to the Republican National Chairman.

## Questioned on Split

Later, the President was told there was a possibility that one wing of the party might follow Mr. McCarthy into a new party, and he was asked if this would split the Republicans' chances of retaining power. He replied he had no crystal ball, but he had always tried to stand for something positive and progressive. He believed that his kind of moderate programme was accepted by the majority of Americans.

If, however, some people wanted to split off because of some secondary consideration, he would have to be their own business.

President Eisenhower said he would ask Congress next year to approve a programme for the development of backward areas of Asia.

Details of the Asian development programme were not all clear yet, he said, but it would differ to some extent from present military and technical assistance programmes.

Asked how he could reconcile expanded foreign aid with predictions by the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. George Humphrey, that the budget next year would not be balanced, Mr. Eisenhower said he could not completely reconcile them. But he thought, however, that the phrase to be emphasized was mutual security.

## In the Interests of US

It was in the interests of the U.S. to develop mutual security with other countries, he said, to help such countries as Persia, Indo-China, France and Japan, he pointed out.

Senator McCarthy left the capital today for a week's tour of the Middle East, while he had surprised the country by attacking President Eisenhower.

The New York "Herald-Tribune" described it as "the last outcry of a reckless and defeated man." The San Francisco "Chronicle," a Republican newspaper, stated: "His next obvious far-sighted step is to pick up his shattered economic policy."

Mr. McCarthy's first move in an epicurean tour, after a momentary flurry in the streams of American history, sink into oblivion.

(UP, Ruter)

## Chou Warns US to Pull Forces Out of Formosa

HONG KONG, Wednesday (Ruter). — The U.S. must take upon itself all the "grave consequences" if it does not withdraw armed forces from Formosa and Nationalist-held islands, the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, warned today, according to a Peking Radio broadcast.

He termed the recent U.S. Formosa defence treaty as provocation against China and called Gen. Chiang Kai-shek the "public enemy" of the Chinese people. By this treaty the U.S. has tried to legalise its position on Formosa in order to extend its aggression against China he charged.

The liberation of Formosa is China's affair, Mr. Chou said, adding that his country will not tolerate any foreign interference in this connection.

This U.S. move, said the Premier, coincides with the action in Europe for the revival of German militarism. It was the aim of causing more division in the world in order to accelerate preparations for a new world war.

## Refers to 1950 Statement

Mr. Chou recalled that the U.S. in January, 1950, had acknowledged China's intention not to become involved in the Chinese civil conflict. In Berlin, today, the East German Premier, Otto Grotewohl, told the Volkskammer (Lower House) that any Western aggression would meet with "determined defence from the Khrushchev Government." He said the Moscow security conference decisions was "the most decisive guarantee of security for Europe," he added.

## Israel Votes in UN Against Apartheid

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — Israel voted in favour of a resolution passed in the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly, urging South Africa to reconsider her position regarding apartheid in terms of the U.N. Charter.

During the paragraph-by-paragraph voting Israel voted against the section which would keep the matter under the jurisdiction of the commission that had dealt with it in the past. Explaining the vote on the resolution, Mr. Moshe Toiv said Israel opposed racial discrimination because the Jewish people had been victims of it the world over.

## Shuckburgh to Visit Cairo on Way Home

LONDON, Wednesday (Ruter). — The Foreign Office Under-Secretary in Charge of Middle East Affairs, Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh, will visit Cairo before returning to London in the middle of next week, diplomatic quarters said today.

Mr. Shuckburgh, who is at present in Ankara, is completing an extensive tour of the Middle East which included a visit to Israel.

He will also take part in the discussions on revision of the 1948 Anglo-Jordanian mutual assistance treaty. King Hussein of Jordan and Prime Minister Faysal of Iraq are arriving in London shortly for the discussions.

## Peace Part of Wider Picture—Burns

"If peace is to be achieved it will be as part of a wider series of events in a wider picture than Israel and its neighbours, with whom Israel is at present in conflict," General Burns, head of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization said last night at a dinner given in his honour by the Menorah Club, an association of Jewish ex-soldiers of the First World War.

"Those who have known war, like me and most of those present here, have a duty to try and encourage those who are endeavouring to establish and maintain peace," the Commander in Chief of the T.S.O. said.

The Menorah Club chose the eve of the capture of Jerusalem by General Allenby, 57 years ago, on December 9, to honour General Burns. Mr. Gershon Agron, who like many of the guests had come to this town with the American Jewish Legion spoke of the beginnings of the first Jewish fighting force formed in Alexandria in 1918, the Zion Mule Corps, which culminated in the creation of the Jewish battalions in the U.S. and later in Britain, and Palestine itself. Men of these battalions took part in General Allenby's operations leading to the conquest of Palestine.

General Burns paid tribute to those who by their bravery and some part in the liberation of this city which meant so much to Israel. He referred to the Canadian soldiers who took part in the liberation of the first and second World Wars on other fronts.

"They fought because they believed there were great human values at stake. Peace is a global value and the threat of war is everywhere and everyone should do everything to prevent and stop it." He advised his listeners to look beyond their boundaries for all the hostility of their neighbours.

The Canadian Charge d'Affaires, the British military attaché, senior members of the Foreign Ministry, Israeli Army officers, the Mayor, and senior U.N. observers attended the gathering. The toast to the State was given by Dr. M. Glesman, the Club chairman.

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## Israel Scientific Papers On Exhibition in London

and for the belief that Israeli scientists would meet all the needs the country made for the atomic energy.

Sir Francis Simon stated that it was essential for the building up of Israel's scientific potential that the attraction of foreign scientists should have been done in Switzerland. Two things would menace the country's development, if not checked: the expense of the scientific education and the underpayment of scientists as compared with other sections of the population.

Sir Francis said he was glad that the country was not depending exclusively on developing nuclear energy on his own account. At the same time he said that the country must produce heavy water — "a fruitful field which has been neglected in bigger countries where people are more concerned with the urgent problems of developing nuclear power and armament and where scientists have little time for anything else."

This seemed to him an ideal example of the use to which scientific manpower could be put in smaller countries. Thus, Israel could make a minor though worthwhile contribution to the production of nuclear energy without enraging too great a part of her precious scientific manpower.

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